Application No. 10/743,864 Reply to Office Actions (July 25, 2006)

IN THE CLAIMS

Please americal claims as follows:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming article of manufacture for forming a fold on an eyelid of a user, comprising:

a resiliently stretchable tape member configured to be adhered onto an eyelid in a stretched state in a longitudinal direction of the tape member to form a double eyelid, the tape member having an adjustable length and having flat upper and lower surfaces in a cross section perpendicular to the longitudinal direction, the tape member having, along the longitudinal direction, straight side edges and a uniform cross section along a longitudinal direction of the tape member in an original unstretched state; and

a layer of adhesive <u>provided</u> on at least one of the flat upper and lower surfaces of the tape member,

wherein the tape member comprises a synthetic resin material which is resiliently stretchable has sufficient resilient stretchability such that even after the tape member is stretched, the synthetic resin material of the tape member allows an amount of recoil back to the original unstretched state of the tape member to form the double eyelid, and the resiliently stretchable tape member provides a length sufficient to form a fold on [[an]] the eyelid and a width sufficient to form the fold by breaking into the eyelid when the resiliently stretchable tape member is stretched, pressed and adhered to the eyelid.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 1, wherein the tape member has a width in a range of approximately 1 mm to 3 mm in the original unstreched state.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive is applied on one or both of to the upper and lower surfaces of the tape member.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 1, further comprising holding portions having no adhering property on the surfaces at both ends thereof for holding by fingertips.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 1, wherein a release sheet having a breaking point to be broken when being stretched is adhered on one or both of the surfaces of the tape member.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 5, wherein the sheet is formed of silicon paper, or a film applied with silicon processing.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a double eyelid forming tape comprising the steps of: applying an adhesive on one or both of the surfaces of a resiliently elastic sheet member of a given length; forming holding portions having no adhering property at both ends when viewed in the widthwise direction; and cutting the same in the widthwise direction into narrow strips.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming article of manufacture comprising:

a resiliently stretchable string member configured to be adhered onto an eyelid in a stretched state in a longitudinal direction of the string member to form a double eyelid, the string member having an adjustable length and having arcuate upper and lower surfaces in a

cross section perpendicular to the longitudinal direction, the string member having, along the longitudinal direction, straight edges and a uniform cross section along a longitudinal direction of the string member in an original unstretched state; and

a layer of adhesive <u>provided</u> on at least one of the arcuate upper and lower surfaces of the string member,

wherein the string member comprises a synthetic resin material which is resiliently stretchable has sufficient resilient stretchability such that even after the string member is stretched, the synthetic resin material of the string member allows an amount of recoil back to the original unstretched state of the string member to form the double eyelid, and the resiliently stretchable string member provides a length sufficient to form a fold on [[an]] the eyelid and a width sufficient to form the fold by breaking into the eyelid when the resiliently stretchable string member is stretched, pressed and adhered to the eyelid.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 10, further comprising holding portions having no adhering property on the surfaces at both ends thereof for holding by fingertips.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a double eyelid forming article of manufacture, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of string members each made of a resiliently stretchable material which provides a sufficient amount of recoil after adhered on an eyelid such that each of the plurality of string members breaks into the eyelid and forms a fold in the eyelid, the string members having arcuate upper and lower surfaces;

applying a layer of adhesive on the upper and lower surfaces of the string members; attaching an upper and lower release sheet to the plurality of string members; and

cutting the sheet member in a widthwise direction along straight, linear cutting lines to form a plurality of narrow strips or string members each having a width of approximately 1 to 3 mm.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method according to Claim 13, wherein the upper release sheet has arcuate grooves in a lower surface thereof for the top portion of the string members having the layer of adhesive applied thereon to fit into and the lower release sheet has arcuate grooves in the upper surface thereof for the lower portions of the string members having the layer of adhesive applied thereon to fit into.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 2, wherein the adhesive is applied on one or both of to the upper and lower surfaces of the tape member.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 2, further comprising holding portions having no adhering property on the surfaces at both ends thereof for holding by fingertips.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 3, further comprising holding portions having no adhering property on the surfaces at both ends thereof for holding by fingertips.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of manufacture according to Claim 2, wherein a release sheet having a breaking point to be broken when being stretched is adhered on one or both of the surfaces of the tape member.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A double eyelid forming [[tape]] article of ... manufacture according to Claim 3, wherein a release sheet having a breaking point to be broken when being stretched is adhered on one or both of the surfaces of the tape member.